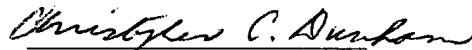


**STATEMENT CONCERNING COMMON OWNERSHIP**

I, the undersigned attorney of record in the above-identified application, hereby state that the above-identified application and U.S. patent No. 6,621,780 were, at the time the invention of the above-identified application was made, owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment to, Ricoh Company, Ltd.

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